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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions of Claims in the Application.

Claim 1 (canceled).

2. (currently amended) A method for controlling the rate of hair growth in a dog, cat, or sheep ~~or cat which comprises~~ comprising feeding the dog, cat, or sheep ~~[[or cat]] a hair growth rate controlling amount of selenium of~~ from about ~~[[0.1]]~~ 0.5 to about 4.5 mg of selenium ~~[[mg /]]~~ per kg of diet on a dry matter basis.

3. (currently amended) A method for at least assisting in preventing or treating poor hair growth or alopecia in animals in need of said treatment, ~~related to disease, reproduction cycle, seasonal changes or direct hair removal which comprises~~ comprising feeding the animal ~~a hair growth rate controlling amount of selenium of~~ from about ~~[[0.1]]~~ 0.5 to about 4.5 mg ~~[[/kg]]~~ of selenium per kg of diet on a dry matter basis.

4. (original) The method in accordance with claim 3 wherein the animal is a dog, cat, or sheep.

5. (currently amended) The method in accordance with claim ~~[[4]]~~ 3 wherein the animal is a dog or cat.